

Meeting Date: November 9, 2021

Time: 8:30 am

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Celene Steckel & Tammy Black

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| Topic Discussion |
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Attendance-

Department of Citizen Services-Celene Steckel, Claire Payne, Leslie Wagner

Department of Citizen Services, Aging & Disabilities- Bobbie Lawrence, Gina Valentine

Department of Citizen Services, Housing & Community Development- Danielle Yates, Javier Toro

Department of Citizen Services, Local Management Board- Gabby Zelaya-Youth Reach 2022, kicking off a youth homelessness subcommittee

Business Employment Resource Center- Heather Powell

Springboard Community Services- Elizabeth Davoren- SCS has 4 locations. In Carroll County we provide behavioral health, Med Management, DV Coordinator of the DV Shelter who also covers the DV hotline and assist clients to resources. SCS will be moving to a new location after the new year.

Brian Safe Haven – Lillian Hardie- Open House this sat 11:30-2:00 located at 2525 Feeser Road Taneytown, MD

Carroll County Public Schools- Dona Foster

Veterans Affairs – Tifinie Criner, Lauren Biggs

Westminster Church of the Brethren- Linda Ibex

Sheppard Pratt Supportive Services for Veteran Families- Elaine Scott

Carroll County Health Department, Special Populations- Amy Baker, Victoria Able

Catastrophic Health Planners- Lou Yeager

Salvation Army- Sondra Groft brings greetings from salvation army. 2480 meals, 244 food boxes, bedded 1985 families, 81 children have now been adopted. white rock church Sykesville/Eldersburg,

Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.- Judi Nance, Lorrie Yinger, Jenny Graybill, Scott Yard, Joanna Waters

Carroll County Health Department Bureau of Prevention, Wellness and Recovery- Christine Fogle

Carroll County Veterans Independence Project- Madisen Levesque

Westminster City Police Department- Nikki Heuer

Carroll County Government Grants Office- Debby Standiford

Shepherds Staff- Donna Devilbiss thanksgiving drive through on Thanksgiving Day. Signing folks up to receive Christmas stockings,

On Our Own- Laurie Galloway, Don Hunker

Carroll County Sheriff's Office- Deputy Brian Colussy

Westminster City Housing- Eric Brown

Access Carroll- Tammy Black, Co-Chair of the Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

Carroll County Department of Planning- Tiffany Fossett

Together We Own It! - Katie Speert

Carroll Hospital- Cheri Ebaugh

Judy Center- Amy Myer

Morgan United Methodist Church- Jim Skillington

1. Welcome & Introductions – Tammy Black

- a. Needs and Community/Partner updates
- b. Community Spotlight Presentation
 - i. Springboard Community Services-Liz Davoren

Springboard Community Services offers behavioral health services through in person appointments or through telehealth. SCS offers medicine management, abuse intervention services, and parent abuse management services. SCS offers services to anyone who is a victim of a crime. In 2022, SCS will be opening a new shelter which will serve as a domestic violence and elder abuse shelter. SCS is currently hiring shelter support and adult medical daycare support. The new shelter will be able to support more victims and clients. Unfortunately, the new shelter does not have enough room for donations we have. So, we are supporting other programs by downsizing our donations. If you know of an organization that needs items such as pampers, wipes, clothing, toothpaste, etc. Contact Liz Davoren!

The Circle is trying to do a community spotlight every meeting to give new organizations a chance to introduced themselves or to give established organizations a chance to announce changes that might be happening within their organization.

Want to be a community spotlight? Let Claire Payne know.

- 2. Virtual Meetings Continue
Circle of Caring Homelessness Board Meetings will continue to be virtual from this point forward. We will revisit in-person meetings once COVID subsides.

Starting January 2022, CoCHB Meetings will be 2 hours long to accommodate the robust discussions.

CoCHB Governance Update-

Raise of hands for majority vote. APPROVED. 21/35 Yes.

- 3. **Shelter Services** – Utilization and Capacity / Waiting Lists

There has been a COVID outbreak in the Family Shelter. HSP is working closely with the Health Department and the Department of Citizen Services. Anyone who tested positive is currently in isolation. All families are well supplied with food, medicine, and all essentials. The Family Shelter will reopen on Thursday. Prior to that there will be a deep clean.

Everyone is doing ok. Only experiencing flu like symptoms. These individuals were not vaccinated.

- a. Night by Night – HSP
NbN has seen 47 different people for October. The highest night we’ve served 26 individuals. NbN is averaging 18 participants per night. Clare is engaging as many as she can into Case Management.
- b. Adult Shelter – HSP
32 individuals served in October with 4 leaving to enter perm housing. There was a bed bug issue that has been resolved. There are several openings which should all be filled by the end of this week. A lot of intakes!
- c. Family Shelter – HSP
6 families in shelter. 1 more opening.
59 different people at the day center in October. We’ve seen a small uptick in new names.
- d. Domestic Violence – Springboard
Last month, the DV Shelter served 8 individuals. Include primary and secondary (children). 4 household’s total.

4. Day Centers – Updates / Utilization

i. Veterans Services

- b. Homeless Veterans By Name List – Amy Baker/Gina Valentine
Veterans in hotel, none currently,
2 on HUD VASH list
1 working with VA staff
1 Veteran awarded mainstream housing voucher
12 new coats delivered tomorrow, for homeless vets. 9 Veterans were selected for Vehicles for Change, 2 of those will be from Carroll County and will be awarded cars tomorrow.
We continue to meet and coordinate with partner agencies. Continue to chip away at the by name list. The benchmarks always hold us up from being able to claim ending Veterans Homelessness. We will not be able to hit certain benchmarks because of the it takes longer than 30 days to get a Veteran housed. There’s always active work being done to get them housed but we can’t always meet it.
Meeting later today with HUD VASH team.
Elaine Scott will share Sheppard Pratts shallow subsidy program next meeting.
Current VASH voucher shortage, working with veterans, the 15 vouchers are taken.
- c. Shelter – Amy Baker/Gina Valentine
- d. Support Services

5. Youth Services (See Table A)

- a. CCPS Homeless Youth Services – Dona Foster

At the end of the school year the list is wiped clean. CCPS doesn't start to reidentify until August 15th. Once a student is identified as homeless they remain on the list for the entire school year. There has been a fluctuate in numbers. They are being removed completely from the list if they leave to go to home instruction. Once they go to home instruction they are no longer considered a CCPS student.

3 years ago, 1000. Today, 2500 students in home instruction.

80 homeless students by end of October. 2 students are house fire families.

High number of unaccompanied. 2 on radar who are in need of dire assistance.

CCPS Definition of homelessness: The McKinney-Vento Act provides rights and services to children and youth experiencing homelessness, which includes those who are: sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; staying in motels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to the lack of an adequate alternative; staying in shelters or transitional housing; or sleeping in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, or similar settings

homeless without parent or guardian. Only during public school year.

CCPS is partnering with community agencies to bring services to our students.

CCPS can count doubled up youth, for fed HUD definition they have to be in a shelter, street homeless, in a car, etc.

6. Encampment / Street Outreach – HSP/CCHD/Outreach Deputy

a. Outreach Committee Update – Mike Clavin & Judi Nance

Encampment/ outreach committee meets once a month. We are developing a calendar so folks can know who will be where and when.

Victoria Able will help create an online version of the survey

Asking organizations to submit a one page flyer about their services that can be handed out during outreach.

Seeing increase in homelessness in Carroll County. Most recently seeing folks in our area who are becoming homeless. Brian Colussy is amazing! Working with him to go in other areas of Westminster. Great fit for the county.

How many in encampments? Where the larger ones are at? Number of people coming from encampments to hospital, and they need to go back out. It's a revolving door. We are seeing new encampments with 2 or 3 people. Some shut down. 5 or 6 encampments, primarily in Westminster. Surveying Taneytown and Hampstead.

Outreach Questions? Contact Judi Nance- Work cell: 410.596.0212. Email: jnance@hspinc.org.

i. Resource Fair

We will start to discuss the resource fair at the next meeting.

7. HMIS Update (See Table B) -Danielle Yates

Shane Fox has left the County. Currently hiring for that position.

There is not assistance available to those who are behind on mortgages.

8. Food Resources – Vicky Keller

No attendance

K Speert- Westminster Rescue Mission I know has their last produce giveaway on Nov 13th at 7am-until the food is gone.

Help with food stamps? Contact:

Karen Bernard - DSS contact info.

(410) 386-3362 Office

(443) 821-5833 Cell

karen.bernard@maryland.gov

9. Bureau of Housing Updates – Danielle Yates

a. Housing Stability Coordinator Highlights

We've hired 3 individuals who are our Housing Stability Coordinators. They assist in diverting eviction. They've helped 38 households through the court systems. 80 active applications that they are working on.

HSC's are Kerri Vitz, Javier Toro, Emma Sparks. Javier can provide outreach to our Hispanic.

Call 410-386-3600 ask to speak to an HSC or can walk in to our office at any time.

10. Funding Updates

a. Emergency Rental Assistance Program Funding – Danielle Yates

- i. Total awarded to date 4.2 million in total, 3.9 million for rental assist. It's not slowing down. Its ramped back up since September. The state has relaxed the qualifications for self-attested COVID-19 reasonings. Continue to market this.

<https://carrollcountymd.gov/housing>

- ii. Total households served

b. COC NOFO – Debby Standiford/Leslie Wagner

The application will be submitted by end of week.

11. Group Discussion Question: We have been seeing people staying homeless longer. What are your experiences with the people you serve? (Celene)

Access Carroll Viewpoint- we are seeing it, substance use & mental health are the red flags!

Systems are moving so slow. Fed or state govt.

12. Tables

- A. As of **October 29, 2021 (80)** students have been identified as homeless. This is a cumulative/running report with the exception, if a student has withdrawn from CCPS (i.e. Home schooling, private school, moved out of county, etc....) they have been removed from the chart.

| HOMELESS STUDENTS TO-DATE THIS YEAR 2021-2022 | | | | |
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| 09/30/20 | 05/31/21 | 9/30/2021 | 10/29/2021 | |
| 21 | 81 | 58 | 80 | TOTAL HOMELESS |
| 6 | 31 | 30 | 37 | Elementary |
| 5 | 24 | 13 | 21 | Middle |
| 10 | 26 | 15 | 22 | High and Post Secondary |
| 4 | 21 | 13 | 17 | Special Education |
| 5 | 11 | 10 | 11 | Unaccompanied |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ELL |
| 13 | 37 | 21 | 32 | Doubled Up |
| 0 | 22 | 10 | 15 | Hotel |
| 1 | 2 | 9 | 12 | Shelter |
| 5 | 17 | 18 | 21 | Temporary (temporarily dislocated due to fire, flood, etc.-will return to their home) |
| 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | Other (living in a situation that may include a car, park, tent, camper on the street, etc....) |

- B.

| Annual Unduplicated Homeless Served | | | | |
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| | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 |
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| Total Unduplicated Homeless | 694 | 657 | 664 | 517 |
| Subpopulations | | | | |
| Veterans | 38 | 40 | 23 | 19 |
| Chronic (Disabled and Homeless 1 year or more) | 116 | 110 | 119 | 142 |
| Children (17 and under) | 164 | 135 | 151 | 103 |
| Unaccompanied Youth (18-24) | 45 | 45 | 65 | 54 |
| Over 62 | 31 | 38 | 44 | 34 |

Next Scheduled CoC Meeting (VIRTUAL) – January 11, 2022 – 8:30am to 10:30am
Amy Baker adjourned to end this meeting. Lou second to adjourn the meeting.